

FAMILY HISTORY

ROBERT GEDDES

(a brief history written by William Lindsay, great grandson)

This couple had other children, two of their sons came to the United States about 1848 and settled near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Just about this time their parents joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and in 1850 started for Utah to make their home with the Saints. They visited their sons in Pennsylvania thinking to convert them to the Gospel and have them come on to Utah with them. But they found them very bitter and prejudice and tried to persuade their parents to stay with them in Pennsylvania and give up Mormonism. Their Mother finally got vexed and took hold of her husbands arm saying - "Come away Robert we've started for Zion and that is where we are going, let them stay in Babylon and suffer the consequences."

They came to Utah with Isaac Baum's Uncle and lived several years in Salt Lake City. They had their Endowments in February 1854. They died faithful to the Gospel for which they left their children and their native land in their old age, he being 77 and she 76 when they crossed the plains. Uncle John and Aunt Ann Murdock knew them in Scotland and also in Salt Lake City where the old gentlemen is said to have made wooden spoons for a living. They were both over 80 years of age when they died and both are buried in the Salt Lake Cemetery.

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(A BRIEF HISTORY WRITTEN BY WILLIAM LINDSAY, GREAT GRANDSON)

THIS COUPLE HAD OTHER CHILDREN, TWO OF THEIR SONS CAME TO THE UNITED STATES ABOUT 1848 AND SETTLED NEAR NEAR PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA. JUST ABOUT THIS TIME THEIR PARENTS JOINED THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS AND IN 1850 STARTED FOR UTAH TO MAKE THEIR HOME WITH THE SAINTS. THEY VISITED THEIR SONS IN PENNSYLVANIA THINKING TO CONVERT THEM TO THE GOSPEL AND HAVE THEM COME ON TO UTAH WITH THEM. THEY FOUND THEM VERY VERY BITTER AND PREJUDICE AND TRIED TO PERSUADE THEIR PARENTS TO STAY WITH THEM IN PENNSYLVANIA AND GIVE UP MORMONISM. THEIR MOTHER FINALLY GOT VEXED AND TOOK HOLD OF HER HUSBANDS ARM SAYING, "COME AWAY ROBERT WE'VE STARTED FOR ZION AND THAT IS WHERE WE ARE GOING, LET THEM STAY IN BABYLON AND SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES."

THEY CAME TO UTAH WITH ISAAC BAUM'S UNCLE AND LIVED SEVERAL YEARS IN SALT LAKE CITY. THEY HAD THEIR ENDOWMENTS IN FEBRUARY 1854. THEY DIED FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL FOR WHICH THEY LEFT THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR NATIVE LAND IN THEIR OLD AGE, HE BEING 77 AND SHE 76 WHEN THEY CROSSED THE PLAINS. UNCLE JOHN AND AUNT ANN MURDOCK KNEW THEM IN SCOTLAND AND ALSO IN SALT LAKE CITY WHERE THE OLD GENTLEMEN IS SAID TO HAVE MADE WOODEN SPOONS FOR A LIVING. THEY WERE BOTH OVER 80 YEARS OF AGE WHEN THEY DIED AND BOTH ARE BURIED IN THE SALT LAKE CITY CEMETERY.

ROBERT GEDDES WAS MARRIED TO MARION GIBSON (SEE FRONT OF SHEET)